AL- IV-A-024 Walsh House 106-108 Washington Street Cumberland, Maryland 1866

William Walsh, an Irish immigrant, set up law practice in Cumberland within eight years of his arrival to this country in 1842. His legal career led him to become easily involved in nolitics. In 1866, when his home on Washington Street was built, he was the county's most prominent Democrat. He served as the Sixth District Congressman from 1874 to 1878. William Walsh's children and grandchildren have left their lasting imprint on the political and religious heritage of Allegany County by serving in influential occupations such as lawyer, state attorney general, oriest, and nun. The Walsh House is an example of good adaptive reuse because it has been owned and occupied by the Allegany County Board of Education since 1931.

Second Empire architectural features of this house include twelve semicircular hooded dormers and elaborately scrolled console brackets. The interior of the house is dominated by a magnificent spiral stairway. The house has a wide variety of fireplaces, eight in number.

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The Walsh House is located at 106-108 Washington Street.

This Second Empire building was originally "T" shaped. It is three storics tall by five bays wide. Wall construction is brick laid in american common bond in random variations except for the northern facade which is laid in stretcher bond except for one row of headers above the second floor windows. The roof is a mansard covered with imbricated slate shingles. Located on the mansard and disbursed three to a side are twelve hooded dormers with an intricate semicircular cornice with a soffit. Decorative splat board trim is on the sides of the dormers. Each dormer has a two wooden sash semicircular window except for three on the southern facade which contain two windows each. Atop the mansard roof is a cornice and frieze. Where the mansard and the brick walls meet is a box cornice and frieze. Connecting the second set of caves and a band of wooden architrave located on a brick belt course are elaborately covered wooden console brackets mostly in pairs but also singularly. On all but one corner of the building pairs of brackets are adjacent totalling four together. Where projecting pavillions and the bay meet the eaves the brackets are grouped in threes except for the southern facade where most of the brackets are arranged singularly. This treatment of the eaves is repeated on all sides of the building. On the corner of the mansard are cornerboards connecting the two sets of eaves. The building rests on a high stone foundation of rough coursed stone covered with ashlar. Four original chimneys are double, each serving two fireplaces. They have corbeled caps and are all located on the interior of the building.

Windows and arches are covered separately on a following page.

Unlike the other sides of the building the northern facade is mostly stretcher bond. The center bay of this facade projects slightly from the foundation to the roof like a central pavillion. Where this projection intersects the caves the console brackets are arranged in threes. A stone platform porch and steps leading to the main entrance has iron rails. The double doors have vertical boards and one oval panel with architrave trim each. Above the doors is segmental arched stained glass transom with a double row segmental brick arch. A flat porch roof is supported by two large and ornate wooden console brackets.

The only portion of the basement and first floor of the southern facade that hasen't been concealed by a brick addition is on the western end of the facade where there are three windows. Local tradition suggests that this facade was originally the "front" of the house, facing the Potomac River. The original floor plans for the first floor (enclosed) indicates a large porch on the south and the different detail on this facade might help confirm the idea. The central two bays of this facade project slightly like a central pavillion. The brackets on this facade are mostly single with double brackets on the corners of the building and the edges of the projection. A larger central projecting portion of the CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Walsh came to this country, from Ireland in 1842 as a boy 14 years old. After studying law he was admitted to the Bar of Charlestown, Virginia at the age of 22. At the age of 24 he established an independent law practice in Cumberland in 1852. Within eight years of arrival to America he was a practising attorney.

A brilliant lawyer, Walsh easily became involved in politics. His political carger began in 1860 as a Presidential Elector. ² Six years later Walsh was the county's most prominent Democrat, and presided over mass meetings in Cumberland supporting Andrew Johnson's Reconstruction policies against the harsher Republican policies. ³ At about this date in 1866, his home on Washington Street was built. In 1867 he was chosen as the local delegate to the Maryland Constitutional Convention and figured prominently in the debate there. ⁴

In 1872 Walsh was again a Presidential Elector, this time supporting Horace Greeley's bid for candidacy. Walsh accepted the Democratic nomination for Sixth District Congressman in 1874 and defeated his neighbor Lloyd Lowndes, who later became Governor. He was re-elected in 1876 when he defeated Louis E, McComas of Hagerstown by a narrow margin of only fourteen votes. He declined his party's re-nomination in 1878.

Apart from his political career Walsh was busy with his prestigious practice of law and active in local affairs. Although his clientele included the most prosperous local people, Walsh also provided legal direction for local miners. "In times of distress and trouble" he provided help with both his legal expertise and his influence for the community? One such charitable act was when in 1873 he donated his stables to the Vigilant Hose Company as a temporary engine house to be used until the company's building was completed. 10

William Walsh's only son, William Edward Walsh lived here after his parents' deaths in the early 1890's. Although his legal career was less exciting than his father's, his children, who were born in this house, achieved fame in their later lives. The first born son, William Concannon Walsh, was admitted to the Cumberland Bar in 1913. He saw military service on the Mexican border in 1916 and in France during World War One. After that war he became an Associate Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, and

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106-108 Washington Street in Cumberland, Allegany County, stands on the southern side of the street between West Prospect Square and Smallwood Street in the Washington Street Historic District.

The Board of Education building is a large two and a half story brick structure with a high mansard roof and a high foundation. The symmetrical facade (north side) has five bays with the entrance in a slightly projected pavilion. Three round top dormers pierce the mansard roof on the street side. The principal windows are double-hung wooden sashes with two-over-two lights and lowered shutters. A bracketed cornice circles the building. The principal entrance has double panelled wooden doors with a segmental arch transim of stained glass. A heavy bracketed hood above the door has a flat roof. Mark on the wall above the hood roof indicates that it once had a balustrade. The interior has heavy natural finished woodwork and a spiral staircase. The building is structurally sound and is basically unaltered although new extensions have been added to the south.

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The building occupied by the Allegany County Board of Education was erected in the late nineteenth century, probably the 1870s, as the residence of William Walsh, a prominent lawyer. Walsh was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1876 and served two terms. His grandson, Bishop James Edward Walsh, who was imprisioned by the Chinese for ten years, was born in this house.

Architecturally, the house is representative of the Second Empire style. The Board of Education Building prominently displays the mansard roof which identifies the style. Typically, the house has round headed windows and dormers in the mansard roof, heavy brackets which support the cornice, and a shelf-like porch over the central door, and tall proportions.

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The western facade is divided into three parts: the second and third floors of the main block of the building, a one story portion in the corner of the "I", and a two story five sided bay with a hipped roof that is at the end of the top of the "I". Running the length of the facade is a wooden architrave. An enclosed porch divides the one story portion into halves. This wooden porch has stone and wooden steps. The entrance located on the porch consists of a four panel recessed door with vertical boards and a two light transom. A wooden panel supported by carved wooden brackets is located between the architrave and the box cornice and soffit that compose the eaves of this one story portion of the building. The box cornice is complimented on the five sided bay by a cornice at the same height.

The eastern facade contains no detail that differs from what has been noted to apply to the entire building.

#### INTERIOR:

The interior of the Walsh is arranged with a central hall plan with three rooms on either side. The vestibule at the northern end of the central hall includes double interior doors with plain glass transom and sidelights. At the southern end of the hallway a vestibule that served the original entrance on that facade includes double doors with a stained glass transom and plain glass sidelights. The first floor is dominated by a sprial stairway with a large and ornately paneled newell and ornamental brackets on the string. In the ceiling above the stairwell is a semicircular window. The western wall around the stairwell is curved and the door and frame of room 106 located on that wall are curved to match the curvature of the wall. The house has a wide variety of fireplaces covered on a following page. The plaster walls are treated with a high baseboard, a cornice and a chair rail. A dog leg stairway on the eastern side of the building has an open well, five landings, and one winder.

#### ADDITION:

Abutting the southern facade of the Walsh House is a large rectangular addition built in 1965. Wall construction is of brick laid in stretcher bond except for one row of headers on the western facade. The building rests on a cement foundation with a plain water table. On the southeastern corner of the addition an old stone garden wall of rough faced ashlar with a stone capping has been used as foundation. On the eastern facade of the addition there is evidence that more of the stone wall is being used but has been sheathed in cement. The roof is flat and is covered with tar and pebbles. The eaves consist of a metal cornice and soffit. Two brick belt courses are located beneath the cornice. The uppermost is a soldier course of bricks on end. The lower belt course is composed of two rows of stretcher bond.

Windows and doors are discussed on a following sheet.

Physical Description continued for the Walsh House AL-IV-A-024

#### CARRIAGE HOUSE:

The Walsh carriage house is on Plum Alley behind the Walsh house. The building is square and faces gable flank towards Washington Street. Wall construction is of brick laid in american common bond with variations of 7 to 1 and 8 to 1. On the eastern facade the foundation is roughfaced coursed ashlar. On the south of the foundation is random stone. The water table is plain. A belt course of headers runs along the base of the eastern and southern facades. The gabled roof is divided by central gables on both the north and south, the eaves consist of a box cornice, wide soffit, and bed moulding.

Windows and doors are covered separately on a following page.

#### WINDOWS

#### Northern Facade -

- Basement Four segmental arch casement windows of two wooden sash of one light each, swing in, segmental arch of rough stone, pegged, wire grates. Two segmental arch openings one on either side of porch.
- First Floor Four double hung, two wooden sash , 2/2 light windows, stone lugsills, flat brick arches, fixed shutters.
- Second Floor four double hung, two wooden sash , 2/2 light windows, stone lugsills, flat brick arches, fixed shutters. One double hung, two wooden sash , segmental arch window with stone lugsill, segmental brick arch, and fixed shutters cut to form segmental arch when closed.
- Third Floor In dormers, three, two wooden sash, double hung 2/2 light semicircular arch windows, wooden lugsills.

#### Eastern Facade -

- Basement Four double hung, 2/2 light segmental arch, two wooden sash windows with segmental rough stone arch' and stone lugsills. One of these is boarded up.
- First Floor Three double hung, two wooden sash, 4/4 light windows, stone lugsills, flat brick arches.

  Two are connected with mullion and share same sill and arch. All have fixed shutters.
- Second Floor Four double hung, two wooden sash, 4/4 light windows, stone lugsills, flat brick arches and fixed shutters. One double hung, two wooden sash, 2/2 light window, stone lugsill and flat brick arch.
- Third Floor In dormers, three double hung, two wooden sash.

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#### Western Facade -

- Five segmental arch windows, stone lugsills, segmental rough stone arch. One, two wooden sash, double hung with 2/2 lights. Two have two wooden casement of one light each swing out, two have been boarded up and have louvered ventilators.
- First Floor Two double hung, two wooden sash, 1/1 light windows, stone lugsills, flat brick arches. One entrance with four panel recessed door with vertical boards and two light transom, flat brick arch above transom. Two double hung, two wooden sash, 1/2 light windows with flat brick arches and stone lugsills. On bay are four double hung, two wooden sash, 2/2 light windows, stone lugsills, and flat brick arches.
- Second Floor Two double hung, two wooden sash, 2/2 light windows, stone lugsills, flat brick arches, fixed shutters. One double hung, two wooden sash, 4/4 light windows, stone lugsill, flat brick arch fixed shutters. On bay are four double

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Third Floor - Three double hung, two wooden sash, 2/2 light semicircular arch windows with wooden lugsills.

#### Southern Facade -

First Floor - Three double hung, two wooden sash. 2/4 light windows, stone lugsills, flat brick arches.

Second Floor -Eight double hung, two wooden sash,2/2 light segmental arch windows, segmental brick arches, stone lugsills.

Third Floor - In dormers are three sets of double hung, wooden casement windows connected with mullion with wooden lugsills.

#### FIREPLACES

- 1. Room 184 Brown marble with sculptured cartouche and spandrel, marbel mantle.
- 2. Room 103 Red marble with plaque cartouche and spandrel and marble mantle.
- 3. Room 105 White marble with plaque cartouche and spandrel, marble mantle.
- 4. Conference Room 108 Nicest one in house Snow white marble cartouche is very ornamental sculptured face. spandrel and marble mantel. Ceramic tile hearth.
- 5. Room 109 Very heautiful Brown marble with Black marble plaque trimming for cartouche and spandrel and mantel. Sitting in fireplace is an iron stove inscribed "Crystal" in excellent shape. Stove has windows and iron floor rail attached to marble hearth.
- 6. Room 202 Exactly like chimney #3 except located on chimney breast.
- 7. Room 203 Exactly like chimney #3 except located on chimney breast.
- 8. Room 208 White marble with plaque cartouche and spandrel located on chimney breast.

#### MINDOWS

#### Northern Facade -

- First Floor Iwo entrances originally large semicircular arched doors. One double door, vertical boards, three manels each, plain wooden trim, two sash, two light transom with mullion, oversized wooden lintel for original door. Five folding doors of five panels each, architrave trim, vertical boards, steel beam lintel.
- Second Floor One semicircular arch window, fixed, two rectangular lights and one half-round light, semicircular brick arch, wooden lugsill, plain wooden trim, boarded up.

#### Southern Facade -

- First Floor One large, two sash, double hung 4/4 light semicircular arched window, double row semicircular header brick arch. One small two sash, double hung, 1/1 light semicircular arched window, semicircular brick arch, wooden lugsill. One fixed four light segmental arched recessed window. Segmental arched decorative molding namel, double row segmental header brick arch, brick slipsill. One original recessed entrance vertical board door, two namels, four lights boarded up, architrave trim, semicircular transom with two quarter round lights, double row semicircular header brick arch.
- Second Floor One semicircular arched window, fixed, two rectangular lights and one half-round light, semicircular brick arch, wooden lugsill, plain wooden trim.

#### Western Facade -

- First Floor One large semicircular arched window, boarded up with vertical boards, double row semicircular header brick arch, wooden lugsill.
- Second Floor One semicircular arched window, boarded up, semicircular brick arch, wooden lugsill.

#### Eastern Facade -

- First Floor Three segmental arched, two sash, double hung,
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The Board of Education Building of Allegany County is a large brick house of 3 storeys, the third storey being a mansard roof. There are three round headed dormers on the slate covered front slope of the roof and the central dormer is the terminal point of a slightly projecting pavilion which includes the tall second storey window below and the main entrance with its double wood door, stained glass transom, granite steps and massive bracketed porch-like entablature surrounding the doorway. On either side of this central projection are two shuttered windows on both the first and second storeys; these have stone sills and splayed brick lintels. Double elaborate scroll brackets form the main cornice. The house is set on a high stone basement. The house extends some distance to the rear, this part is treated like the front.

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A modest but representative example of the Second Empire Revival style, the Board of Education Building is an integral part (and the largest building) of the row of brick houses that runs from the courthouse to Smallwood Street - a rather remarkable concentration. Although not Greek Revival like the others 106-108 Washington Street is similar in material, scale, and so forth. Its use as offices is a good example of adaptive preservation.

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

AL-1V-A-084

TOWN Cumberland VICINITY West-side STREET NO. 108 Washington Street

ORIGINAL OWNER William Walsh (1828-1892) ORIGINAL USE Home PRESENT OWNER Allegany County PRESENT USE Offices-Bd. Dducation WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 3

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY **INVENTORY** 

2. NAME BOARD OF EDUCATION ( Wm.Walsh Home)

DATE OR PERIOD 1865 Victorian STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Yes

Purchased in 1936 from heirs of James A. Clark, who had purchased it from the heirs of William Walsh in 1895. Family tradition states that Mr. Walsh modeled his stately mansion partly from recollections of houses in his native Ireland from which he had come when 14 years of age. He refused to give a contract -- building from day to day with supervision of architect and owner.

William "alsh(1828-1895) was a member of the bar for forty years. He was twice elcted to Congress 1874--1876.

His grandson, James Edward Walsh, b. Apr. 30, 1891, became a Bishop of the Catholic Church and is held by the Communists in China (a T-V Movie made of his story)

His granddaughter, Mary Gertrude Walsh established the first Library in Cumberland, Md., called the Cumberland Free Public Library in 1924. She remained the Librarian when the City gave the Library to the County. She served almost forty years. It was after her retirement that a man from the Maryland Extension Library Service came in and burned and destroyed thousands of books which included History, books written by local people, local history Family Bibles, Gifts given in memory of local people, Rare Books, which did irrevocable harm to the area's education and file of area history.

BIRTHPLACE OF BISHOP JAMES E. WALSH.

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endongered

Interior Very Good

Exterior Excellent

Smallwood Street

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Board of Ed.

(Wm. Walsh Home

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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Hazel Groves Hansrote(Mrs. Chas.J.Sr.) 519 Hill Top Drive, Cumberland, Md. (1st. Assit. Librarian in 1924 with Mary G. Walsh-Cumb'd Free Public Library.

Oct.17, 1969 DATE OF RECORD

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WILLIAM WALSH--son/John(S_ah Doran)
b. May 11, 1828-King's Co., Ireland; died 1892-Milegany Co. ty, Md. came from Killennore, Ireland with his mother to Harper's Ferry, Va.(W.Va.)
studied law in Charles Town, Va.(W.Va.) settled in Cumberland, Md. 1852.
MARION SHANE, dau/John (Margaret Ways) of Cumberland, Md. d.1894
m. 1858
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    Mary Walsh, d. young
    Clara Theresa Walsh (Peter J. Seaver)
      b. Nov. 17, 1867
    William Edward Walsh (Mary Concannon)
      b. June 25, 1860
                                                      ..Allegany County, Md.....
WILLIAM EDWARD WALSH, son/William (Marion Shane)
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James Edward Walsh
b.Apr. 30, 1891 (became Catholic Bishop--held in China)
Rev. John Walsh (Maryknoll--Catholic Foreign Mission)

Mary Gertrude Walsh
b.1896 (City then County Librarian)

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BISHOP WALSH RELEASED BY COMMUNISTS IN CHINA (JULY)

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY LISTATE Maryland Form 10-445 INVENTORY (5/62)COUNTY Allegany TOWN Cumberland VICINITY 2. NAME Walsh House STREET NO. 103 Washington Stocet DATE OR PERIOD ORIGINAL OWNER STYLE ORIGINAL USE ARCHITECT PRESENT OWNER BUILDER PRESENT USE 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE WALL CONSTRUCTION

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

#### (13B.) Walsh House

NO. OF STORIES

This beautiful home at 108 Washington Street was built in 1865 for the Honorable William Walsh, a member of the Allegany County Bar Association for forty years and twice elected to Congress (1874-1876). A native of Ireland, Mr. Walsh modeled the stately mansion after some he recalled from his childhood. The woodwork in the house is magnificent and the circular staircase is quite striking. The building is well restored and has been the main office of the Allegany County Board of Education since 1936.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

Source: <u>Historic Landmarks in Allegany County</u>; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)
7. PHOTOGRAPH

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#### TITLE SEARCH

Walsh House (Allegany County Board of Education) AL-IV-A-024

Allegany County Deed: Liber 179, Folio 437

Grantee: Board of Education of Allegany County Maryland Date: December 30, 1937

Grantor: Safe Deposit & Trust Company et al - (settle estate of James Clark)

Consideration: \$18,500

Notes: Lots 64 and 30

Allegany County Deed: Liber 77, Folio 12

Grantee: James Clark Date: April 17, 1895

Grantor: William E. Walsh et al (Son and Daughter) Consideration: \$20,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 23, Folio 556

Grantee: William Walsh Date: December 16, 1865 Grantor: Walter Gwynn et ux Consideration: \$3,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 18, Folio 86

Grantee: Walter Gwynn et ux Date: May 5, 1859
Grantor: Henry Bruce et al Consideration: \$25,000
Notes: This lot was part of the sale - No house on it

Allegany County Deed: Liber 16, Folio 5 Grantee: Henry Bruce Date: March 28,1856

Grantor: Perry Shultz - Sheriff (for Robert Swar) Consideration: \$8

Allegany County Deed: Liber 5, Folio 742

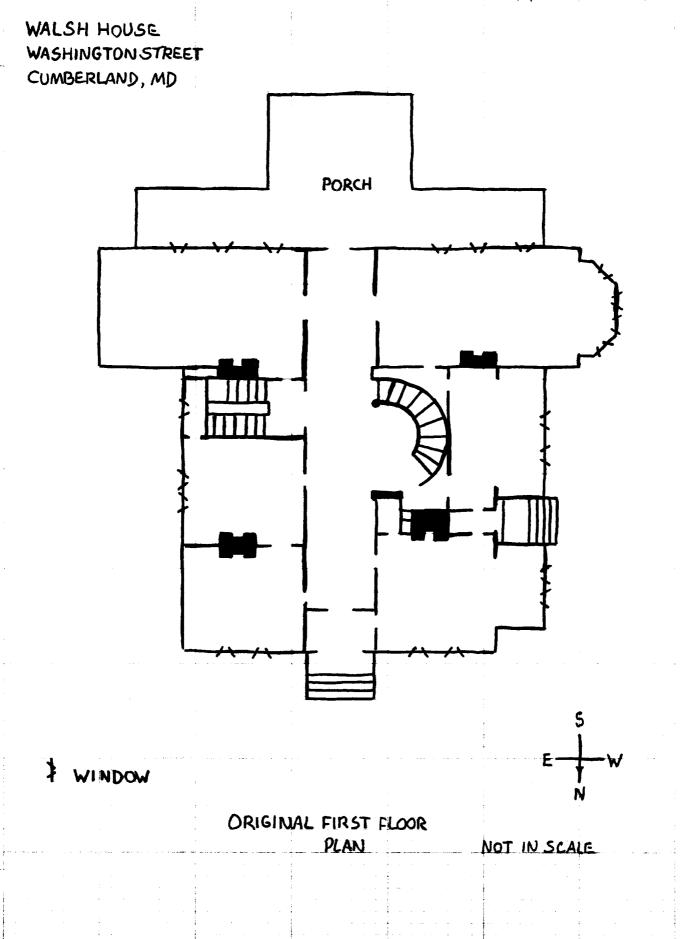
Grantee: Robert Swan and John Swan Date: June 17, 1850 Grantor: Charles F. B. Swan Consideration: \$10

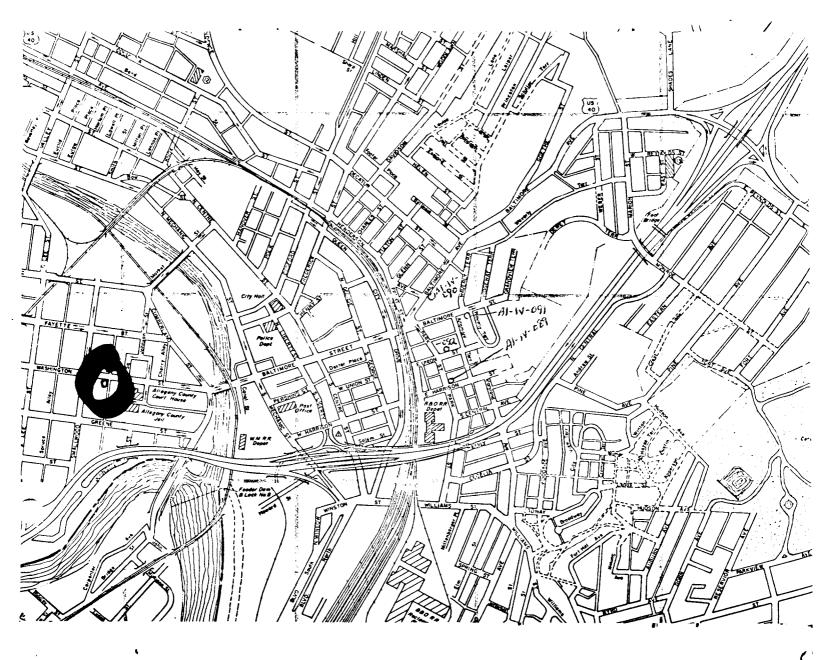
Notes: All three are brothers Sons of Robert Swan who died 1835

Allegany County Deed: Liber IJ and K, Folio 173
Grantee: Robert Swan Date: April 1, 1817
Grantor: Roger Perry Consideration: \$600

Notes: This property goes back to 1806 when additional city lots of Cumberland

were surveyed.



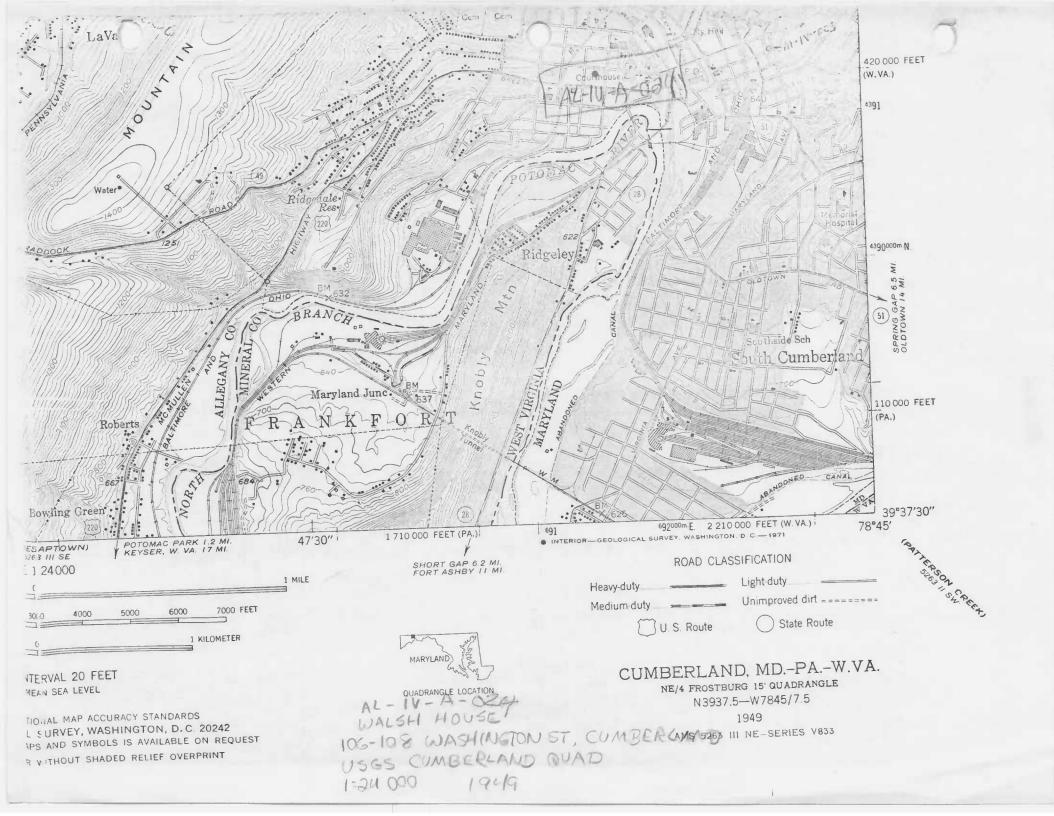


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Allegany County Board of Education Building
Walsh House
106-108 Washington Street

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AL-1V-A-024 WALSH HOUSE WASHINGTON ST, CUMBERLAND WILLIAM J. PRATT 12/2/77 Southeast



AL-1V-A-024 WALSH HOUSE WASHINGTON ST, CUMBERLAND WILLIAM J. PRATT 9/1/77 Northeast



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AL-IV-A-024 WALSH HOUSE WASHINGTON ST, CUMBERCAND WILLIAM J. PRATT 12/13/77 SOUTHWEST



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WASHINGTON ST, CUMBERLAND

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